



United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service
Southern Region News Release
October Crop Production



Cooperating with the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Georgia Department of Agriculture, and South Carolina Department of Agriculture
Southern Regional Field Office · 355 East Hancock Avenue, Suite 100 · Athens, GA 30601 · (706) 546-2236
www.nass.usda.gov

October 12, 2016

Media Contact: Jim Ewing

Estimates in this release reflect the crop conditions as of October 1, 2016. Any potential damage from Hurricane Matthew will be incorporated into the November Crop Production Report to be released on November 9, 2016.

Corn production in the United States is forecast at 15.1 billion bushels, up 11 percent from last year. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 173.4 bushels per acre. If realized, this will be the highest yield and production on record for the United States. Soybean production is forecast at a record 4.27 billion bushels, up 9 percent from last year. All cotton production is forecast at 16.0 million 480-pound bales, up 24 percent from 2015.

Key findings for the Southern Region from the October Crop Production report

Alabama: Corn area planted for all purposes and acreage harvested for grain is revised up 10,000 acres from June. Corn for grain production is forecast at 39.7 million bushels, up 10 percent from 2015. Cotton production forecasted at 700,000 bales is up 26 percent from last year. If realized, this will be a record high yield of 982 pounds per acre. Forecasted peanut production at 692 million pounds is up 3 percent from last month and 9 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the second highest production on record and ties 2012 for the highest yield. Soybean planted and harvested acreage is revised down 40,000 acres from June. Production is forecast at 13.9 million bushels, down 31 percent from the 2015.

Florida: Corn area planted for all purposes is revised to 85,000 acres, up 5,000 from June and acreage harvested for grain is revised up 3,000 acres to 48,000. Cotton production forecast is unchanged from last month at 180,000 bales, an 18 percent increase from last year. Forecasted peanut production remains at 569 million pounds, down 12 percent from last year. Soybean planted and harvested acreage is revised up 1,000 acres from June. Sugarcane for sugar and seed production is forecast at 17.3 million tons, down 1 percent from last month and 2 percent from 2015.

Georgia: Corn area planted for all purposes and acreage harvested for grain is revised up 10,000 acres from June. Corn for grain production is forecast at 65.0 million bushels, up 33 percent from 2015. Cotton production forecasted at 2.4 million bales is unchanged from last month but up 6 percent from 2015. Forecasted peanut production 3.12 billion pounds is down 4 percent from last month and 7 percent from 2015. Soybean planted harvested acreage remains at 265,000. Production is forecast at 10.2 million bushels, down 23 percent from 2015. Tobacco production is forecast at 29.7 million pounds, unchanged from last month but down 8 percent from 2015.

South Carolina: Corn area planted for all purposes and acreage harvested for grain is revised up 25,000 acres from June. Corn for grain production is forecast at 46.2 million bushels, up 91 percent from 2015 and the second largest on record. Yield at 130 bushels per acre is up 37 bushels from last year, and if realized will be a record high. Cotton production forecasted at 390,000 bales is up 5 percent from last month and up 152 percent from 2015. If realized, this will be a record high yield of 990 pounds per acre. Forecasted peanut production at 403 million pounds is up 6 percent from last month and 54 percent from last year. Soybean planted and harvested acreage is revised down 15,000 acres from June. Production is forecast at 13.9 million bushels, up 42 percent from 2015. Tobacco production is forecast at 31.1 million pounds, unchanged from last month but up 19 percent from 2015.

Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production — States and United States: 2015 and Forecasted October 1, 2016

Crop and State	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre			Production	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016		2015	2016
						September 1	October 1		
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)				(1,000)	(1,000)
Corn ¹(bushels)									
Alabama.....	260	340	245	320	147.0	124.0	124.0	36,015	39,680
Florida ²	80	85	50	48	141.0			7,050	
Georgia.....	330	410	285	365	171.0	175.0	178.0	48,735	64,970
South Carolina	295	375	260	355	93.0	130.0	130.0	24,180	46,150
United States	87,999	94,490	80,749	86,836	168.4	174.4	173.4	13,601,198	15,057,404
Cotton, all ³ (bales)									
Alabama.....	315.0	345.0	307.0	342.0	866	968	982	554.0	700.0
Florida.....	85.0	102.0	83.0	100.0	885	864	864	153.0	180.0
Georgia.....	1,130.0	1,190.0	1,120.0	1,180.0	966	976	976	2,255.0	2,400.0
South Carolina	235.0	190.0	136.0	189.0	547	940	990	155.0	390.0
United States	8,580.5	10,145.0	8,074.9	9,655.4	766	802	797	12,888.0	16,034.0
Hay, all other..... (tons)									
Alabama.....	(NA)	(NA)	730	800	2.80	(NA)	2.00	2,044	1,600
Florida ²	(NA)	(NA)	290		2.80	(NA)		812	
Georgia.....	(NA)	(NA)	570	570	2.50	(NA)	2.20	1,425	1,254
South Carolina ²	(NA)	(NA)	300		2.00	(NA)		600	
United States	(NA)	(NA)	36,659	38,062	2.06	(NA)	2.07	75,414	78,756
Peanuts (pounds)									
Alabama.....	200.0	175.0	196.0	173.0	3,250	3,900	4,000	637,000	692,000
Florida.....	190.0	155.0	180.0	146.0	3,600	3,900	3,900	648,000	569,400
Georgia.....	785.0	720.0	777.0	710.0	4,330	4,600	4,400	3,364,410	3,124,000
South Carolina	112.0	110.0	82.0	106.0	3,200	3,600	3,800	262,400	402,800
United States	1,625.0	1,672.0	1,560.9	1,587.0	3,845	4,044	3,976	6,001,357	6,310,200
Soybeans.....(bushels)									
Alabama.....	500	420	490	410	41.0	39.0	34.0	20,090	13,940
Florida ²	33	31	29	29	38.0			1,102	
Georgia.....	325	265	310	255	43.0	39.0	40.0	13,330	10,200
South Carolina	475	420	370	410	26.5	33.0	34.0	9,805	13,940
United States	82,650	83,698	81,732	83,047	48.0	50.6	51.4	3,926,339	4,268,884
Sugarcane ⁴ (tons)									
Florida.....	NA	(NA)	424.0	420.0	41.7	41.2	41.2	17,664	17,304
United States	NA	(NA)	887.3	914.6	36.4	37.0	36.9	32,275	33,774
Tobacco..... (pounds)									
Georgia.....	(NA)	(NA)	13.5	13.5	2,400	2,200	2,200	32,400	29,700
South Carolina	(NA)	(NA)	13.0	13.5	2,000	2,300	2,300	26,000	31,050
United States	(NA)	(NA)	328.7	321.9	2,178	2,159	2,063	715,946	664,114

(NA) Not available.

¹ Planted for all purposes, harvested for grain.

² Blank cells indicate that individual state level estimates will be published in the *Crop Production 2016 Summary*, released January 2017.

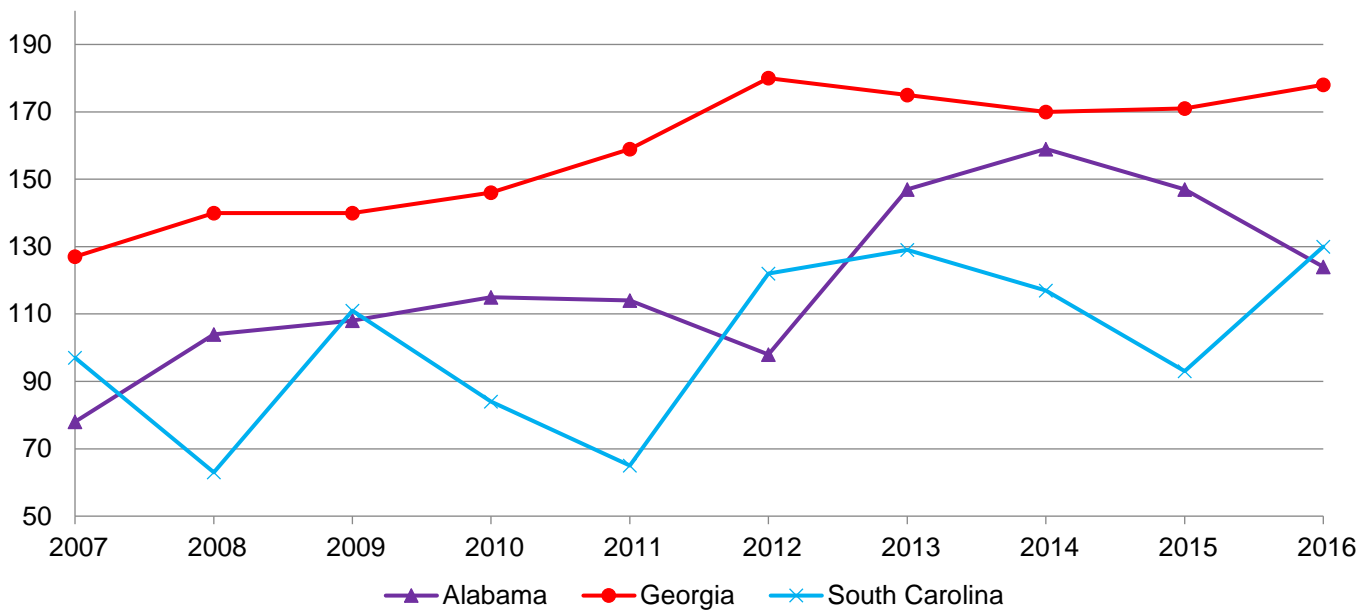
³ Yield is in pounds. Production ginned and to be ginned. Production is in 480-lb. net weight bales.

⁴ For sugar and seed.

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Crop Production*, October 2016

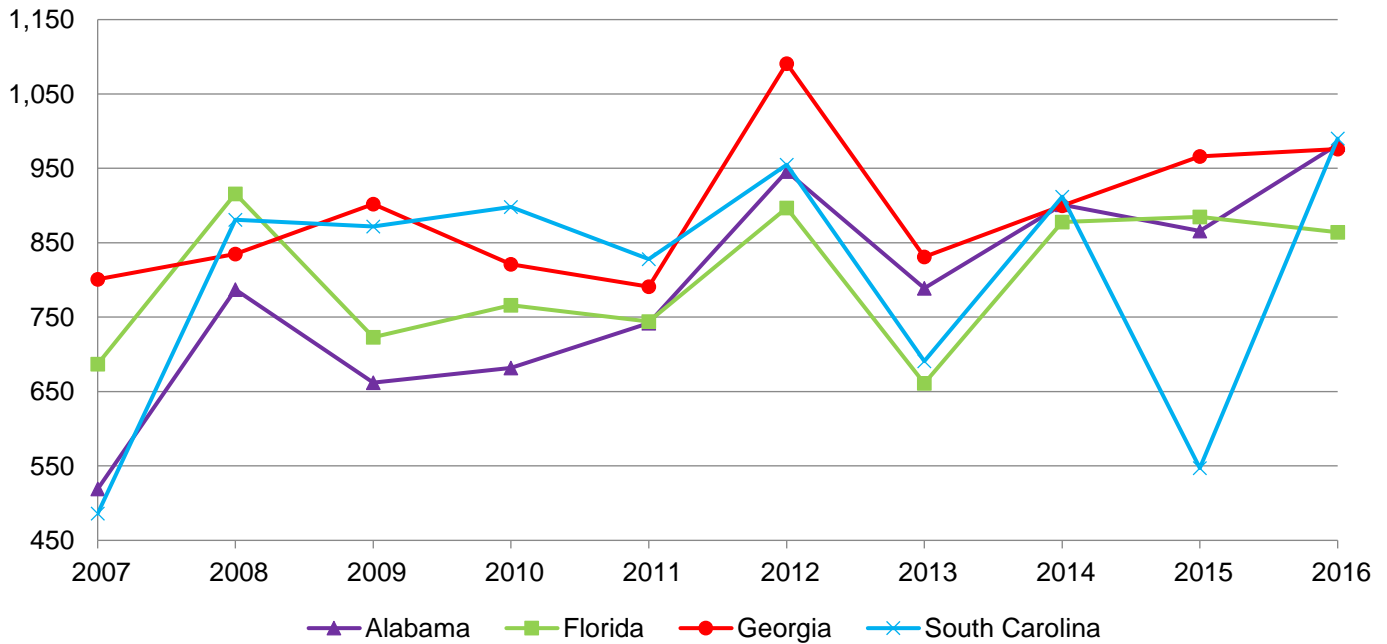
Southern Region Corn Yield — Selected States: 2007-2016

Bushels per acre



Southern Region Cotton Yield : 2007-2016

Pounds per acre



Pecan Production — States and United States: 2015 and Forecasted October 1, 2016

State	Utilized production (in-shell basis)	
	2015	2016
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)
Alabama	1,900	2,200
Georgia	93,000	98,000
United States	254,290	262,700

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Crop Production*, October 2016

Georgia Pecan Utilized Production: 2007-2016

1,000 pounds

